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The Epiphany of the Lord

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese



SACRAMENTS

Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

JANUARY 4, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 5

8:30 a.m. Elpirio Antonio Vasquez,
Lucia Santo (D)

12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 6

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m. Maria Ninh &
Gioanbaotixixta Linh (D)

Wednesday, January 7

8:30 a.m. Pablo Mercedes,
Germania Perez (D)

12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving

Thursday, January 8

7:45 a.m.

10:00a.m.

Friday, January 9

8:30 a.m. Secundino Burgos (D)

12:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 10

7:45 a.m. Anton Lang & Maria Phi (D)

7:00 p.m. Cesar Augusto Rojas
Mendez (D)

Sunday, January 11

8:00 a.m. People of SNT, Acción de
gracias al Sagrado
Corazón de Jesus,
Fernando Hernandez,
Anastacio Montero, Olinda
Salcedo (D)

9:30: a.m.

11:30 am

1:30 pm Phero Luc, Ana Thuy &
Maria Nga (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines
upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth
will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to
people in other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and
prophets by the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs,
members of the same body.
(Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

“Where is the newborn
king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him
homage.” (Mt 2:2)

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Readings for the week of January 4, 2026

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17



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The Epiphany of the Lord Matthew 2:1-12

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.
— *Father John Muir*

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**Pilgrimage of St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish
Following St. Augustine's footsteps in Italy:
Rome, Cascia, Assisi, Florence & Milan
Sept. 21st- Oct 1st, 2026 Spir. Dir.: Fr. Luis Vera, OSA**

21-Sep NY -Rome
22-Sep Parish of St. Aurea in Ostia, Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls
23-Sep Audience with Pope, St. Peter and St. Augustine Basilica, P. Navonna & Trevi
24-Sep Bas. of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Roccaponera, St. Rita of Cascia Basilica
25-Sep St. Rita of Cascia Convent, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare, and St. Carlo Acutis
26-Sep St. Mary of Angels (Porziuncula), St. Gimignano
27-Sep Holy Cross, Di Santo Spirito and St. Mary the Fiore Basilica. Piazza de la Repubblica, Porcellino market and Ponte Vecchio
28-Sep San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro (skeletal remains of St. Augustine), Certosa di Pavia
29-Sep Cassago Brianza
30-Sep Duomo, St Ambrosio Basilica and Saint Lawrence Maggiore Parish.
01-Oct Departure to NY

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Included: Flight, ground transportation, tour guide, 9 nights in hotels, 9 breakfast, 9 dinners, Headphone system, entrance upon itinerary, ETIAS & tips.
Not Included: Travel insurance, lunch, alcohol beverages and bus parish-JFK-parish

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us — Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star.

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